



## Norma Elizabeth Freeman

September 17, 1928 - October 5, 2023

Norma Elizabeth “Beth” Freeman, 95, of Evansville, passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2023 surrounded by her family.

Norma was born on September 17, 1928 in Evansville to the late William and Amanda (Seib) Rhodes. She attended school at Sacred Heart, Ferdinand, St. Mary of the Woods and Memorial. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where, in earlier years, she played the organ and sang for weddings.

Norma retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb Mead Johnson Nutritionals, rising from a secretary to management positions that took her all over the country; and establishing new departments. She was a Kentucky Colonel, a Rotary member and past president of the American Business Women’s Association. She held UE Aces basketball and Evansville Philharmonic season tickets, liked to bowl, read mysteries and travel to Europe.

She retired to Destin, FL where she lived for 27 years. She was a member of Corpus Christi and Resurrection Church where she served on the new church building committee. She was a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and served on the board of Catholic Charities. She served on the City of Destin’s Affordable Housing Board, and Board of Governors of Shoreline Towers Condominiums. She started the Shoreline Towers Association Realty (STAR) rental program

where she retired in 2005. She was a Red Hat Society lady and met with a special group of friends once a month. She loved to entertain visiting family and friends on the beach. She considered her greatest accomplishment her two sons and she loved having her family around her.

Surviving Norma are sons Robert Jeffrey (Laurie) and Donald Lawrence (fianceé Nikki Hayes); granddaughter Misty Schroeder, O'Fallon MO; and great grandsons Harrison and Hudson Schroeder, O'Fallon MO.

A special thank you to care givers Carmen Patrick, Julie Pierce, Betty Burris; West River Health Campus and Heart To Heart Hospice.

Funeral Services and burial at St. Joseph Cemetery will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Fr. Deydier House of Discernment, 1626 Glendale Ave., Evansville, IN 47712, or the Humane Society.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Elizabeth Freeman.

October 11, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Norma Elizabeth Freeman.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Norma Elizabeth Freeman.

October 09, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Norma Elizabeth Freeman.



October 09, 2023 at 10:34 AM

SD

“ Norma (affectionately known as Norma B.) hired me to work with her and Bill V. at Shoreline Towers. We became lifelong friends and she was a part of my family. My first interaction with Norma was filling sand bags and preparing for a hurricane which was coming to Destin. Norma was a go getter and gave tirelessly of herself. She was dedicated to her Lord, her family and to Shoreline Towers. She gave and gave and will be missed by many. Norma always had a kind word and her laugh was unforgettable. Although she moved back home to Evansville, IN several years ago we did stay in touch and I loved talking to her. She always asked about my family and Shoreline Towers. She will be missed by all who knew her. Love and prayers to her family and especially her sons Jeff and Donald. XOXO

Sharon Dillon - October 09, 2023 at 10:04 AM

NF

Norma and I became friends at West River Rehab. I had the privilege of taking Holy Communion to her each week. She and I have the same first name I always said "Hi Norma, this is Norma". She was a beautiful lady and had an infectious smile. Love you Norma.

Norma Fischer - October 10, 2023 at 11:44 AM

DV

“ Norma was and is an angel. We met Norma when she retired to Shoreline Towers. She quickly became a lifelong friend, like I'm sure she became with many people. She was one of those very few people who when she asked, "how are you", she truly wanted to know and wanted you to share. She listened and she cared. She was there with a hug or a squeeze of the hand and always with wise counsel and support. To say she will be missed is an understatement. She lives on in us and we hope to make her proud in our everyday lives. We love you, Norma! Bye bye XX OO

Donald and Barbara Vrahnos - October 08, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DV

“ Donald Vrahnos lit a candle in memory of Norma Elizabeth Freeman



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**Donald Vrahnos** - October 08, 2023 at 06:58 AM

MS

“ I loved Norma Freeman almost from the day I met her at Misty and John’s wedding in 2006. She invited Greg, Quinton and I to Destin to visit her and we did that for many subsequent years. She took me shopping, ate dinner with us at Harbor House, sat with us at mass, and loved chatting with Greg about everything. She ate cookies for breakfast with her coffee. We lived spending time with Norma! She was an accomplished woman. She will be missed. My condolences to all of her family.

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**Marcia Schroeder** - October 07, 2023 at 10:25 PM